

nurses receiving the extra money and the other 1,300 Huntington nurses who are paid only for hours worked.

In 1990, the hospital ended the practice of hiring new employees at the extra pay for 12-hour shifts, Bradley said. Currently, 140 nurses who work 12-hour shifts and 18 respiratory therapists do not

found that most ended the extra pay practice years ago.

Northern California hospitals pay the extra money. But many of them have nurses unions that negotiate pay rates, Huntington officials said. Huntington and most Southern California hospitals do not have nurses unions.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Affordable Housing in South Pasadena

No way, no how did I directly state or indirectly infer (San Gabriel Section, Nov. 5) that the City of South Pasadena will ignore the affordable housing laws. I did state that the city is currently preparing a Housing Element as required by the law. We are having difficulty in understanding conflicting mandates from state agencies. The State Housing and Community Development Agency says to build housing, while Caltrans says to tear it down.

It is true that Caltrans is not providing a housing replacement program for any of the four communities impacted by the extension of the Long Beach Freeway. At least the state provided 3,000 replacement units for the Century Freeway project. Why should our communities lose 1,426 irreplaceable housing units from a state project? The bigger question remains the lack of coordination of policies and laws of the various state agencies. How can any city move forward when there is no coordination of laws at the state level? Instead of ignoring state laws, we say we are confused by state laws.

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JPL and Water Treatment Facility

Jet Propulsion Laboratory's spokesman's claim that it funded construction of a water treatment plant to clean up Pasadena's contaminated drinking water ("Arroyo Cleanup Gets Boost," Los Angeles Times, Oct. 22) lacks sincerity and is also a slap in the face of 4,100 Altadena families.

The fact is that ground water was contaminated by the dumping of dangerous chemicals on JPL property. The lab consented to financing the Arroyo Seco Treatment Plant only after Pasadena rattled its legal saber.

The Lincoln Avenue Water Co. provides water service in West Altadena and uses the same ground water source as Pasadena. Yet JPL refused cleanup assistance to this community, betting that a little mutual water company with

limited resources wouldn't undertake the kind of time-consuming and expensive legal challenge Pasadena threatened. Well, the lab was right—then.

But that was then and now is now.

Lincoln Avenue this year installed a \$250,000, state-of-the-art water treatment plant to clean up JPL's mess. The company is weighing its legal options and has the added incentive of recovering its consumers' investment in the plant.

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